



# COLLEGE CONNECT CHRONICLE

The Monthly Newsletter of College Connect

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## MESSAGE FROM ARACELI

Dear College Connect community,

I would like to take a moment to congratulate all of you for making it to week 7 of the Fall semester! Where did the time go, right? Keep on moving forward, ask all the questions you need to your professors, tutors, counselors, and facilitators. We are all here to guide you to finish the semester strong. I am very proud of seeing everyone put their best foot forward despite challenges that arise. That's what we do in life and that's what we do best here as a College Connect community. I would like to invite everyone to the upcoming October outings to break the monotony, connect with one another, and celebrate our way to the finish line! For more information on our monthly outings, please contact your student facilitator. We're looking forward to seeing you!



*Best regards,*  
Araceli Larios  
Citrus College/APU Campus Lead

## CAMPUS UPDATES

### CITRUS COLLEGE:

10/14/21 - Last day to make an appointment with DSPS for priority registration  
[Click Here](#) for Fall 2021 Deadline Dates

### RIO HONDO COLLEGE:

[Click Here](#) for Fall 2021 Deadline Dates

### MT. SAC COLLEGE:

Log on to student portal and view schedule to view drop date for each class.

### CAL POLY POMONA:

[Click here](#) for Fall 2021 Deadline Dates

## COLLEGE CONNECT UPDATES

**October 8, 2021**

### **Pumpkin Decorating Party**

1pm - 3pm

In-person or via Zoom

**October 29, 2021**

### **College Connect Halloween Bash**

5 pm - 7 pm

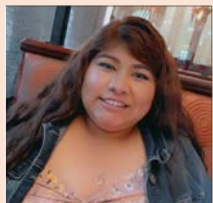
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Join us for food, games, prizes, and our costume contest!



# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

## Marlene



Marlene  
Citrus College Student

College Connect Chronicle is pleased to introduce our October student spotlight, Marlene! Marlene is currently majoring in Child Development at Citrus College. Her goal is to become more confident and independent using skills that College Connect has helped her to acquire. College Connect is proud to highlight Marlene's continuous academic and personal growth.

### WHAT DOES COLLEGE CONNECT MEAN TO YOU?

"College Connect is a place where I connect with other students who are always there for me when I need help. College Connect helps me prepare to become successful for now and in the future."

### WHAT HAS LAST SEMESTER TAUGHT YOU?

"Last semester has taught me that I need to utilize my school resources such as professor office hours and tutoring, which I now implement based on what I learned last semester. My student facilitator encourages me every session and I have been able to improve my grades."

### FUN FACT(S) ABOUT YOURSELF:

"I like to play video games. I have a PS4 and my favorite game is Grand Theft Auto 5. I like going out with my cousins and having fun. This October I will be going to Knotts Scary Farm and Horror Nights at Universal Studios. My favorite music genres are Rock and Hip Hop."

## TEAM SPOTLIGHT

### Dazmine Sam



Dazmine Sam  
Student Facilitator

College Connect Chronicle is pleased to introduce our new student facilitator, Dazmine! Dazmine is earning her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from California State University, Long Beach. She hopes to continue her education by pursuing a Master's Degree in Psychology. Dazmine's goal is to become a school psychologist so she can work with more students at a deeper level.

### WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT AT COLLEGE CONNECT SO FAR?

"My proudest moment was at the beginning of my time here when I transitioned from assisting in group sessions to leading them by myself."

### WHAT ARE YOUR TOP 3 LIFE HIGHLIGHTS?

1. In 2016, traveling to my mom's home country, Romania, and seeing all the castles in Transylvania.
2. Getting accepted into CSULB.
3. Adopting my dog, Mochi, two years ago.

### WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?

"My favorite hobby is painting! I love painting on different surfaces aside from canvases, like hydroflasks, frames, ceramics, and more. I also like taking my dog, Mochi, to dog beaches so she can play with other dogs. I enjoy listening to music and attending music festivals so I can enjoy my favorite music artists with my friends."

### LIFE MOTTO OR MANTRA?

"To be patient and kind to others because everyone is going through their own struggles."

# The Inktober Challenge

## Inktober Rules:

1) Make a drawing in ink.

2) Post it.

3) Hashtag it with #inktober2021

You can do it daily, every other day, or just once a week. What ever you decide, just be consistent with it. Inktober is about growing and improving and forming positive habits, so the more you're consistent the better.

## Prompt List

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|-------------|-------------|
| 1. Crystal  | 16. Compass |
| 2. Suit     | 17. Collide |
| 3. Vessel   | 18. Moon    |
| 4. Knot     | 19. Loop    |
| 5. Raven    | 20. Sprout  |
| 6. Spirit   | 21. Fuzzy   |
| 7. Fan      | 22. Open    |
| 8. Watch    | 23. Leak    |
| 9. Pressure | 24. Extinct |
| 10. Pick    | 25. Splat   |
| 11. Sour    | 26. Connect |
| 12. Stuck   | 27. Spark   |
| 13. Roof    | 28. Crispy  |
| 14. Tick    | 29. Patch   |
| 15. Helmet  | 30. Slither |
|             | 31. Risk    |



# College Connect Favorites:

## Halloween Candy & Costumes

### TOP HALLOWEEN CANDY FAVORITES:

Kit Kat

Skittles

Reese's Cup

Jolly Ranchers

Candy Corn

M&M's

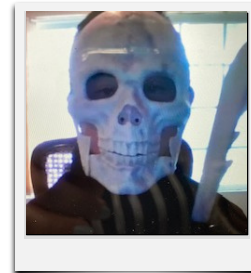
Snickers

Sour Patch Kids

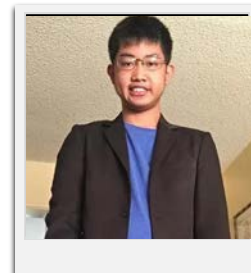
Twix

### TOP HALLOWEEN COSTUME FAVORITES:

- Super Mario Bros
- Captain America
- Harley Quinn
- Pirate
- Darth Vader
- Baseball Player



James as Grim Reaper



Benedick as  
Dib from Invader Zim

# [ College Connect September Snapshot ]

September was the month we eased into the Fall 2021 Semester. Student facilitators collaborated with students to update schedules for classes, individual and group sessions, and more. We also returned to in-person group sessions and outings, which have been fun and exciting! We hosted a Movie Day In-person and on Zoom, where students and Campus Leads enjoyed popcorn as they watched "Inside Out" and "Zootopia". We also hosted a Talent and Karaoke show in-person and on Zoom, where students showcased their talents and karaoke skills. In addition to the Talent and Karaoke show, a student celebrated their birthday with peers and staff by bringing Raising Canes, Pizza Hut, and Porto's to share and enjoy.

## THE COOKING CORNER

### Halloween Caramel Apples

#### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup butter
- 2 cups packed brown sugar
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- dash of salt
- 1 (14 ounce) can sweetened, condensed milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup white vinegar (optional for washing apples)
- 12 crisp apples, washed and dried
- 12 thick cookie sticks
- Optional toppings such as chopped nuts, Halloween sprinkles or candy, chocolate chips

#### Directions

1. Wash and dry apples.
2. Press sticks into the tops of apples and place on parchment paper.
3. Melt butter in medium saucepan over medium heat.
4. Add brown sugar, corn syrup, and salt.
5. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture reaches a full rolling boil.
6. Add milk.
7. Continue cooking and stirring until mixture reaches precisely 248 degrees on a candy thermometer.
8. Remove from heat and add vanilla.
9. Dip apples to coat with caramel.
10. Add toppings if you like.
11. Allow to cool on parchment paper.
12. Store in refrigerator.
13. Enjoy!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Share your Gratitude

Thanksgiving is almost upon us! College Connect Chronicle wants to know what you're most grateful for. We will feature them in the next issue. Please submit to your student facilitator or to Jianne at [oa@collegeconnectsupport.com](mailto:oa@collegeconnectsupport.com)

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